

Comment to the FCC regarding unethical and possible criminal activity by Clear Channel radio stations, proceeding RM-10803

Dear sirs and madams,

I am extremely concerned regarding the actions of the Clear Channel Radio group with stations in Cleveland, Raleigh and other cities in the eastern United States. Disc jockeys at these stations have conducted a hate campaign against bicyclists by repeatedly and maliciously advocating that drivers of motor vehicles throw objects at cyclists, drive at cyclists, and actually drive their cars into cyclists, injuring them and running them off the road.

This extremely dangerous and purposeful harassment has been going on for over several months at numerous stations of the chain. When executives of the radio group were contacted, they claimed to have no knowledge of the harassment and indicated they would take action to curb the irresponsible actions of their employees.

That contact was early in September. Since that time they have done nothing to stop the incidents and in fact, the maliciousness and frequency of the incitement to violence against bicyclists has seemed to increase at various stations in the chain.

I do not believe that the advocacy of vehicular homicide of cyclists was a mere coincidence in these incidents. All evidence points to a criminal conspiracy by people in place at the Clear Channel corporate level, above the rank of station manager. That these topics and conversations occurred with regularity on only Clear Channel stations, and moved from one city to the next indicates that corporate input targeted cyclists to be included as one of the "victim" targets that were OKed for broadcast by radio personalities on a regular and planned basis.

Approximately thirty days ago, a prominent and nationally known cyclist, Ken Kiefer, was struck and killed by a motor vehicle driver in the same region that these incitements occurred. Other cyclists have reported threatening contacts with motorists that appear directly connected to the broadcasts encouraging violent acts against bicyclists. I can only assume that the deaths of the two cyclists and the harassment and assaults against the cyclists in the area where this broadcasting is taking place is a direct result of the broadcasts by Clear Channel Radio personnel in that they advocate a total disregard for the life and safety of cyclists.

I believe the death of cyclists and the threatened safety and assaults of numerous cyclists on the highways and roads of the northeastern United States demand that all licenses for this national communications group be removed on a permanent basis.

In addition, I believe that the actions of the group may constitute a violation of a certain class of people's civil rights and in be in violation of the constitution and be a prosecutable offense by the U.S. Attorney General's Office.

I am extremely upset by the above. I hope to hear from you regarding your actions on this issue in the next few days. If I do not see any attempt at enforcement, I will be contacting my state senators and U.S. Representatives.

Sincerely,

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